

SB 5489 - DIGEST

Creates a task force to recommend how best to incorporate environmental justice principles into how state agencies discharge their responsibilities.

Declares that the legislature establishes that state agencies will use all practicable means and measures to promote environmental justice and fair treatment, to ensure implementation and adherence to state policies of fostering and promoting the general welfare by assuring the people of this state have a safe and healthful environment and serving as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations.

Requires the state agencies that are represented on the task force, after issuance of the task force report, to adopt rules as recommended in the report.

Authorizes the state agencies to adopt interim guidelines and practices before the adoption of rules.

Requires the department of ecology to adopt rules implementing the task force recommendations to provide uniform rules and guidelines to state agencies serving on the task force.